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Message from Dr. Tom Brennan, Director of Athletics



Dr. Thomas Brennan

Greetings from 20th Street and Olney Ave. Now that the summer has come to an end, the school year has started and our student-athletes are preparing for competition. I would like to invite you to visit campus to see our athletic teams in action. I am also pleased to provide you with a copy of the Academic Year 2000-2001 Annual Report for Athletics. In the report, you will find information regarding many of the athletic and academic accomplishments of our student-athletes. Advancement Office accomplishments are also listed. As a member of the Explorer Club, I thank you for your commitment to the athletic program. You are an important part of any success that we have enjoyed.

Finally, I am pleased to introduce several new members of our department. Mary Ellen Wydan (Director of Compliance and Student Services/Senior Woman Administrator), Matt Bergin (Head Men's and Women's Crew Coach), Tommica Woods (Women's Basketball) and David Dykes (Weight Training Coach) have recently joined the Athletic Department. Pat Farrell, Head Men's Soccer Coach has also assumed responsibilities in the Facility/Operations area and has also joined La Salle as a full time staff member. A more complete listing of new athletic personnel is included in this newsletter.

Thanks for all that you do for the Explorer Club. Please call upon me if you have any questions or if I can ever be of assistance.

Dr. Thomas Brennan
Director of Athletics

La Salle Athletics Department Would Like to Welcome its Newest Staff Members.....

Mary Ellen Wydan	Director, Compliance & Student Services
Jonathan Palumbo	Assistant Business Manager
Tamara Hass	Assistant Athletic Trainer
David Van Dyke	Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
Sarah Catlin	Head Field Hockey Coach
Matthew Bergin	Head M/W Crew Coach
Brian Schiding	Assistant M/W Track Coach
Tommica Woods	Graduate Assistant W/Basketball
Melissa Bonkoski	Athletic Advancement Assistant
Billy Hahn	Head Men's Basketball Coach
Matthew Hahn	Director, Men's Basketball Operations
Joe Lombardi	Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

La Salle and Einstein Form Partnership

La Salle University and the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network have established a formal partnership agreement that will provide physician consultation and healthcare services to student-athletes in the university's intercollegiate athletics program.

"We're always looking for ways to build relationships between La Salle and its neighbors, and this is a great example of what we're trying to accomplish," said Dr. Tom Brennan, Director of Athletics at the University. "We're fortunate to be able to partner with a great hospital like Einstein."

Under the agreement, student-athletes will receive pre-season physicals at Albert Einstein Medical Center. Treatment for sports-related injuries will take place at either Germantown Community Health Services' Emergency Department, which recently underwent a \$1.2 million renovation, or at Einstein Medical Center, both of which are blocks from La Salle's campus.

"The Sports Medicine Department has always provided outstanding healthcare to our student-athletes," said Bill Gerzabek, La Salle's head athletic trainer. "We look forward to continuing to do so in conjunction with our neighbors from the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network." Jonathan Hersch, MD, Director of Sports Medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center, will serve as lead physician for La Salle student-athletes.

"It's a natural partnership," said John Handal, MD, Chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. "Because La Salle and Einstein are located just a few blocks from one another, student-athletes will have quick, easy access to quality healthcare services, when it's needed. For Einstein, the relationship with La Salle presents an opportunity for us to offer our services more extensively in our immediate community."

While the program focuses on serving student-athletes, Einstein will also provide healthcare and wellness information for the entire student body. La Salle will post health information provided by Einstein on the university web site and The Collegian, the weekly student newspaper, will also feature healthcare articles written by Einstein Professionals.

La Salle and Einstein will also team up for community projects. La Salle student-athletes and coaches will participate in running a children's sports clinic at Germantown Hospital's Family Fun and Youth Day. The event will take place on September 22nd at Germantown Community Health Services. The clinic will teach children from local neighborhoods athletic and safety skills. The event will be coordinated with La Salle's Project Teamwork, the Athletic Department's Youth Outreach and Community Service Program. Following the Family Fun and Youth Day activities all will be treated to a picnic and Varsity Football game on La Salle's campus.

For more information on Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, call 1-800-EINSTEIN, or visit www.einstein.edu.

Please mark your calendar for the following Explorer Club events.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 15	Men's Soccer vs. Drexel Alumni game to follow	2:00 PM
Sun 16	Women's Soccer vs. VCU Women's Soccer Alumni Game following	1:00 PM
Sat 22	Football vs. Canisius (Youth Day) McCarthy Stadium	1:00 PM
Tue 25	Art Auction Cocktail Reception Mezzanine	6:30 PM
Sat 29	Football vs. Catholic (Young Alumni) McCarthy Stadium	1:00 PM
Sat 29	La Salle Cross Country Invitational Belmont Plateau	2:00 PM

OCTOBER

Sat 6	Tennis Reception Mezzanine	5:00 PM
Fri 12	Baseball Golf Outing Northampton Country Club	12:30 PM
Fri 12	Volleyball vs Fordham Reception (5:30 PM)	7:00 PM
Sat 13	Explorer Club Board of Directors Meeting McShain Board Room	9:30 AM
Sat 13	Football vs. St. Peter's (Parents' Weekend) McCarthy Stadium	1:00 PM
Sat 13	Hoop Madness Gola Arena	8:00 PM
Sat 20	Football @ Duquesne (Alumni Reception)	1:35 PM
Sat 20	Field Hockey vs. Richmond (Senior Day) McCarthy Stadium	12:00 PM
Sat 27	Football vs. St. John's (Homecoming) McCarthy Stadium	1:00 PM
Sun 28	Men's Soccer vs. St. Bonaventure (Senior Day) McCarthy Stadium	1:00 PM

NOVEMBER

Sat 3	La Salle Football vs. Iona (Senior Day) McCarthy Stadium	1:00 PM
Sat 3	Volleyball vs. Dayton (Senior Day) Tom Gola Arena	5:00 PM
Sat 3	Explorer Club Art Auction Cederbrook Country Club	6:30 PM
Sun 4	Women's Soccer vs. St. Joseph's (Senior Day) McCarthy Stadium	1:00 PM

DECEMBER

Sat 15	Men's Basketball @ Seton Hall (Bus Trip) Meadowlands
Fri-Sat	28-29 Women's Basketball Tournament

**For more information on Explorer Club Events
contact the Athletic Advancement Office
at (215) 951-1606**

Where Are They Now?



Greg Webster

The timing was perfect.

On Thursday, April 22, Greg Webster was the keynote speaker for the Academic Recognition and Senior luncheon on campus. The luncheon honored student-athletes for their academic achievements, and also gave seniors the opportunity to invite faculty members who made a significant impact during their stay at La Salle. Greg took them through his own campus life, as a student, golfer and basketball player, and then spoke about his post-graduate life.

That covered a career in banking, which he had given up a year before, and into life as Chief Operating Officer for Philadelphia Management, the city's largest apartment landlord.

It was an impressive talk. It became even more impressive when the next day's *Philadelphia Inquirer* carried a big story about the purchase of a famous center city landmark building and the company's plans to convert it into an apartment building.

Quoted at length in the story was Greg Webster, La Salle Class of '81, a Finance major and two-sport athlete. How did he feel coming back to address a number of young gifted athletes? "It was warm and wonderful," Webster said, "and It was a pleasure coming back and meeting student-athletes."

Although you won't find his basketball statistics among the Explorers' all-timers, he did play four seasons, occasionally starting in his sophomore and junior years and earning a starting position as a senior.

Two of the teams - which featured future NBA performer and 1980 Olympic captain Michael Brooks -- went to the NCAA Tournament.

His teammate in the backcourt was Kevin "Butch" Lynam, with whom he had played four seasons at Archbishop Carroll High in suburban Philadelphia and currently a partner in an accounting firm. Greg and Butch have kept in touch over the years and occasionally they run into teammates like Stan Williams and "Mo" Connolly.

Another teammate, Kurt Kanaskie, is the head coach at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and Brooks, after an injury-shortened NBA career, has had a successful professional career in France.

One other distinction Greg had -- he earned a partial scholarship in golf, the first La Salle athlete to be so honored.

Recently, Greg also has been very instrumental in organizing a group of former Explorer basketball players and friends of basketball to garner support for the Explorer Club and men's basketball. He has the pleasure of working closely with Pete D'Orazio, Executive Director for the Explorer Club and a former classmate.

And how did his post-graduate banking career get into gear? Jim Lynch, a 1971 La Salle grad and current chairman of La Salle's Board of Trustees, was a bank president and steered Webster into the banking business. Webster had moved up into a senior vice-president's role at Summit Bank, where Lynch was president. Using the experience that he obtained in banking, Greg figured it was time for a change, hence the move to Philadelphia Management.

"About a year ago," Greg said, "it was like the end of a day, a time to make a change." And now, if you hear about a new apartment building going up in Philadelphia, it's probable that Greg Webster is at the base of it.

New Director of Compliance

The NCAA Compliance Manual is 466 pages thick, and that's not including all those notes and asterisk items in the front of the book. Mary Ellen Wydan, La Salle's new Director of Compliance, is well aware of what's in all those pages and, combining that job with her position as Senior Women's Administrator, she has been kept extremely busy since stepping foot on the campus in early August.

Put the two together, and that's what Wydan is doing here at La Salle after gathering an education from North Penn High in Lansdale, PA, the University of Delaware, the University of North Carolina and Purdue University, and working and coaching swimming at stops such as Michigan State University and the University of Maryland.

The Compliance title almost tells its own story, making sure things are done correctly and honestly with regard to student-athlete academic eligibility and the whole recruiting system.

As for her role as Senior Woman Administrator:

"My position is to insure the implementing of issues as they pertain to women and diversity among the student-athletes.

"There are several factors at La Salle that have impressed me:

"The personal attention to student-athletes from the administration; the fact that the university's primary mission is teaching, for the student-athletes to learn life's lessons through athletics, and the athletic department's dedication to community service, through Project TeamWork.

"And the school assures that such values are an intricate part of a student's education."

Wydan took over the dual position in early August and has been on campus long enough to form some important opinions.

"The more I'm here at La Salle," she said, "the more I like what I see and hear. I appreciate working at a university that emphasizes the Lasallian traditions and philosophies. At one of my first faculty/staff meetings, Brother Michael McGinniss laid out the future of La Salle University and it was very impressive."



Mary Ellen Wydan

Compliance Corner



NCAA Bylaw 6.4.2.1:

Revocation or Withholding of Privileges

Any individual who has engaged in conduct that is determined, either by the University, or the NCAA, to be a violation of any NCAA Legislation, rule or regulation, regardless of whether such violation results in the imposition of sanctions, shall be subject to the revocations or withholding of any athletically related benefit or privilege, received by that individual from the University. Such benefit or privilege may include, without limitation, ticket privileges which may be withheld by the University for that period of time which the University, or NCAA deems appropriate. The revocation of ticket privileges may result in an individual being denied admittance to any University hosted athletic event.

DEFINITIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Prospective Student-Athlete

A "prospect" is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. A student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a "prospect" if the student receives any benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students in general. The University requests that you treat ALL students as prospects.

Student-Athlete

A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program.

Contact

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect's parent or legal guardian and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged or that takes place on the ground of the prospect's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect or the prospect's high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of the conversation that occurs.

Attendance at Prospect's Events

Athletics Representatives may attend events (e.g., contests, banquets) where prospects are present on his or her own initiative, subject to the understanding that the representative may NOT contact the prospect or the prospect's parents or relatives.

Recruiting

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or the prospect's family by a University staff member or by a representative of the University's athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment at the University and/or participation in the athletic program.

If you have any other questions concerning compliance please contact Mary Ellen Wydan at (215) 951-1991.

The Athletic Department is looking for former athletes who are interested in contributing memorabilia to be displayed in the Hayman Center. If you have any items that you would like to donate, contact Pete D'Orazio, Executive Director of the Explore Club at dorazio@lasalle.edu or 215-951-1545.



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**A Message from Peter D'Orazio,
Assistant Athletic Director...**

It is an exciting time in the athletic department as another academic year has begun, and student-athletes are busy preparing for upcoming competitions. Again, I wish to thank those who have contributed to the Explorer Club. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and we encourage you to attend Explorer Club activities and intercollegiate events.

This year, the Explorer Club will embark on a brand new venture. The Explorer Club will host its first annual Art Auction on Saturday, November 3rd, at Cedarbrook Country Club. The cost for the Art Auction is \$65.00 and all proceeds will benefit the Explorer Club. We encourage members to attend this special event. We also ask that you assist us in identifying individuals who may be interested in purchasing tickets for the event. There will be a cocktail reception for all interested committee members on Tuesday, September 25th, in the Hayman Center Mezzanine. Please contact me directly if you wish to be involved.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Explorer Club. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by La Salle's student-athletes and coaches.

www.explorerclub@lasalle.edu

Art Show & Auction

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Avatar Galleries

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*Proceeds Benefit the La Salle Explorer Club
La Salle's Athletic Development Fund*

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